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**STATESBORO, Ga.** – The Georgia Southern Eagles will travel to legendary Head Coach Erk Russell's alma mater, the Auburn Tigers, to open the 2017 football season.

The Eagles will now face an SEC team in three consecutive years starting with Georgia in 2015, Ole Miss in 2016 and the Tigers on Sept. 2, 2017.

Auburn finished 19th in the final 2014 College Football Playoff Rankings after an 8-4 regular season and a 4-4 mark in the SEC. The Tigers fell to 8-5 on the year dropping the Outback Bowl 34-31 to Wisconsin in overtime.

"Playing Auburn provides us a great opportunity to play on a national stage and gives our fans an opportunity to travel to a close non-conference game to watch us play," Athletic Director [Tom Kleinlein](#) said.

Georgia Southern will also travel to UMass during the 2017 season in the first game of a home-and-home series against the Minutemen. UMass will return the trip to Statesboro in 2018.

The Eagles also announced that the LSU game scheduled for 2017 has been pushed back to 2019.

The journey continues for the GS football team in year two of FBS play as the Eagles will face two "Power Five" conference teams, four teams that played in bowl games a year ago and will host six home games in the 2015 football season.

Season tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at [gseagles.com](http://gseagles.com) or by calling 1-800-GSU-WINS.

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